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Whitehall, November 12.

LETTERS from Vice-Admiral Vernon, dated the 20th of October, give an Account, That on the 5th of September the Store Ships from England under the Convoy of his Majesty's Ships the Defiance and Tilbury arrived at Jamaica. On the 3d of October the Vice-Admiral sailed from Port Royal with Part of his Squadron, on a Cruize off the Coast of Hispaniola: On the 19th of October he was joined by Eight Sail of Transport Ships, under the Convoy of His Majesty's Ship the Wolf, with Land Forces from North America; whence more Transports, with the rest of the Land Forces raised there, were daily expected. On the 20th the Vice-Admiral was preparing to return with the Squadron to Jamaica. Capt. Long in the Tilbury had taken a Spanish Brigantine.

To the King's most Excellent Majesty.
The humble Address of the Governor and Council of the Province of Maryland.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Governor and Council of your Majesty's Province of Maryland, beg Leave to embrace this Opportunity of congratulating your Majesty on the glorious Success of your Majesty's Arms against your Enemies, which together with your Majesty's Care in the Protection of the extensive Trade of your Majesty's Subjects in all Parts of the World, cannot fail of filling with Joy the Hearts of all your Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects; or of convincing the Spanish Nation, as well as any other that may be inclinable to join with them, how dangerous it is to provoke your Majesty, and how able your Majesty is to vindicate the Honour of your Imperial Crown, and the just Rights of your Subjects in their Navigation and Commerce.

That the like Success may always attend your Majesty's Forces, till your Enemies are reduced to the Necessity of suing for a Peace, glorious to your Majesty, and safe and honourable to all your Dominions, and that your Majesty's Descendants may ever sway the British Sceptre, are the sincere and hearty Wishes and Prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,
Your Majesty's most Dutiful,
Obedient and Loyal
Subjects and Servants.

Whitehall, December 20, 1740.

Whereas it has been represented to his Majesty, that several Persons, with Arms, have lately come in the Night Time into the Pastures belonging to the Inhabitants of Paddington, in the County of Middlesex, and killed and carried away great Numbers of Sheep grazing there; and that particularly on Friday the 28th of November last, between the Hours of Nine and Eleven at Night, notwithstanding the said Inhabitants have been at a great and constant Expence in employing Men to watch their Sheep and other Cattle, four Persons in the Habits of Soldiers, armed with Muskets and Bayonets, entred the Grounds of Martin Geayes, at Paddington aforesaid, seized his Servant who was watching there, and beat and wounded him in an inhuman Manner, and took a Fowling Piece from him, and having tied and left him for dead, caught two Sheep, which they skinned and carried away: His Majesty, for the better discovering and bringing to Justice the Persons concerned in the Crimes aforesaid, is pleased to promise his most gracious Pardon to any of them, that shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices, so as he or they may be apprehended and convicted thereof, and also a Reward of Fifty Pounds to any Person or Persons making such Discovery as aforesaid; payable upon the Conviction of such Offender or Offenders.

HOLLES NEWCASTLE.

And as a farther Encouragement for such Discovery as aforesaid, the Inhabitants of Paddington do promise the Sum of Ten Pounds to any Person or Persons making the same, so as the said Offenders, or any of them, may be apprehended and convicted. To be paid by

Wm. Godfrey, Church-Warden.